

Xylophone Bike Rack

Public Art Project Fact Sheet



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Photo: Craig Smith

Title: Xylophone

Location: North side of University Drive, west of Myrtle Avenue

Artist: Earlyn Tomassini

Completion: 1995

Medium: Painted Metal

Description: The multi-colored (pink, purple, blue, green, lime green, yellow, orange and red) bike rack consists of seven, metal xylophone keys and two accompanying playing sticks. It measures six-feet by 15-feet high. The legs of the keys of the xylophone are different lengths, creating a series of slanted surfaces and evoking a sense of musical movement.

Funding: The project was funded through city of Tempe Capital Improvement Project Percent for Art funds made available through the Tempe Transit tax.

Artist biography: Tomassini has designed three other bike racks, located in downtown Tempe. Her work was featured in the *1999 Arizona Biennial*, the Tucson Museum of Art's juried exhibition that takes place every other year.

Artist statement: Not available.